



U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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Representative John Sarbanes
Room 2444
RHOB-Rayburn House Office Building
50 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20515-2003

Dear Representative Sarbanes,

As a result of the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2018 (Omnibus Act), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, as directed by the Omnibus Act, has calculated the amount of grant funds that each state, the District of Columbia and four U.S. territories will receive under the 2018 HAVA Election Security Grant Program.

The purpose of the grant awards is to assist states with activities to improve the administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance election technology and make election security improvements, as authorized under sections 101 and 104 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252) (HAVA). Consistent with the requirements of Title III of HAVA, priority funding can include the following items which:

- replace voting equipment that only records a voter's intent electronically with equipment that utilizes a voter verified paper record;
- implement a post-election audit system that provides a high level of confidence in the accuracy of the final vote tally;
- upgrade election-related computer systems to address cyber vulnerabilities identified through Department of Homeland Security or similar scans or assessments of existing election systems; and
- facilitate cybersecurity training for the state chief election official's office and local election officials;

This letter includes a table that provides a breakdown of the grants distributed to each state, the District of Columbia and four U.S. territories based on the grant formula found in section 101/104 of HAVA. **As instructed by the Omnibus Act, our office will make \$7,063,699 available to your state within 45 days.** Your chief state election official will be able to request grant funds as soon as they complete the grant package and return it to our grants department.

Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Newby".

Brian Newby
Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission